

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 22, 26, and 28 have been amended hereby. Claims 1, 22, 26, and 28 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 12-16, 18, 19, 21, and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,845,453 (“Scheidt”); of the rejection of Claims 3-5, 17, 20, 22-24, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being obvious over Scheidt in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0037004 (“Buffum”); and of the rejection of Claims 8-11, as being obvious over Scheidt in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,039,812 (“Kawan”).

It is respectfully submitted that Scheidt fails to teach or suggest at least “capturing a biometric sample from a sensor; transmitting the biometric sample from the sensor to a processing component; processing the biometric sample by a first vendor’s algorithm to yield a first reference template; storing the first reference template with an associated record identifier in a storage component; and processing the biometric sample by a second vendor’s algorithm to yield a second reference template,” as recited in amended independent Claim 1.

Scheidt, cited for the aforementioned features, teaches that one vendor’s technology is used to create one reference template and one verification template for each subject. In contrast, in the embodiment of Claim 1, two algorithms from two different vendors are applied to a single sample to produce two different types of reference templates.

Thus, amended independent Claim 1 is submitted to be patentably distinct over Scheidt.

Amended independent Claim 22, 26, and 28 recite features similar in many respects to the features discussed above with respect to Claim 1, and are submitted to be patentably distinct over Scheidt for at least those very same reasons.

Buffum and Kawan fail to cure the deficiencies of Scheidt.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 1, 22, 26, and 28, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over the cited references, alone or in any possible combination.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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